

SENATE RESOLUTION 111

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A RESOLUTION to commend Tommy Bragg for his honorable and astute service to the people of Murfreesboro as their Mayor.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Tommy Bragg is one such estimable person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors; after serving with distinction as the Mayor of Murfreesboro since 2002, he is leaving office in April 2014; and

WHEREAS, born in Murfreesboro in 1947, Tommy Bragg earned a degree in journalism from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville and is a retired Colonel in the Tennessee Air National Guard; and

WHEREAS, an accomplished businessman, Mayor Bragg is the former owner of Courier Printing in Smyrna, Tennessee, a former president of the Printing Industry Association of the South, and an inductee to the Benjamin Franklin Honor Society of the Printing Industry of America; and

WHEREAS, Tommy Bragg was elected to his first term as Mayor of Murfreesboro on a platform of increasing educational excellence in the city school system, supporting Middle Tennessee State University, improving the business climate, and focusing on responsible growth to enhance the quality of life in Murfreesboro; and

WHEREAS, named 2005 Mayor of the Year by the Tennessee Municipal League, Mayor Bragg served as President of the Tennessee Municipal League in 2006 and has served two terms as a local government representative on the Tennessee Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations; and

WHEREAS, an avid supporter of Middle Tennessee State University (MTSU), Mayor Tommy Bragg is a member of the MTSU Foundation Heritage Club, serves on the Board of Professional Advisors to the MTSU College of Mass Communications, and is a Trustee of the MTSU Foundation; and

WHEREAS, in private life, Mayor Bragg and his wife, Jeanne, have three grown children, Beth (Alex) Jennings, Anne (Chris) Warren, and John Bragg III, and one grandchild, Jeanne Warren; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Bragg is an active member of Saint Rose Church, where he has served as a Sunday school teacher and finance committee chairman; and

WHEREAS, Tommy Bragg is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and he should be specially recognized on the special occasion of his retirement as the Mayor of Murfreesboro; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby commend Tommy Bragg for his honorable and astute service to the people of Murfreesboro as their Mayor, salute his unswerving commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction, and extend to him our best wishes for much continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.